

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANTS: ERWIN FERTIG *ET AL.*    ART UNIT: 2125**

**SERIAL NO.: 10/559,644**

**EXAMINER: MICHAEL MASINICK**

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**CONFIRMATION NO.: 7285**

**TITLE: PACKAGING MACHINE**

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Box Non-Fee Amendments (Pats.)  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the first Office Action, dated November 21, 2006 (*no shorten-statutory period for reply having been set – the six-month statutory deadline being the period for reply – and no extension of time being required*), please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated on the following pages: